

ISLAND LOCALS.

ABOUT TOWN.

Purser Redolf, of the steamer Australia, has the GAZETTE's thanks for news favors.

It is currently reported that Mr. Gilbert Waller has been awarded a license to brew malt liquor.

It is reported about town that the guards in and about the Palace have been doubled. What's up now?

Out of respect to the memory of the late Gen. John A. Logan, the flag of the U. S. Consulate has been flying at half mast.

Purser Brewster, of the Mariposa, has the thanks of the GAZETTE for memoranda of the voyage and files of late Auckland papers.

Marshal Kaulaon will shortly inaugurate the mounted police system by introducing two patrolling officers for the suburbs of the city.

The steamer Kinau will not sail until tomorrow (Wednesday), at 4 p. m., for Hilo and way ports, returning to port Saturday morning.

There is plenty of mud on the Esplanade. Purser Brewster, who may not be aware of this fact, but it is there all the same, and the public know it.

Thursday, the 13th, was the birthday of the Princess Likelike, but owing to indisposition no public reception was held. The Princess was born Jan. 13, 1857.

The mud has nearly disappeared from the streets. It is a question whether the Minister of the Interior's damp cart or the wind is doing the most towards cleaning away this nuisance.

The Chinese News seems to be making considerable progress among the members of the Flower Kingdom. Exactly what its policies are, even the office devil has been unable to find out.

On Wednesday the Inter Island Steam Navigation declared a quarterly dividend of two dollars per share. On Saturday the Wilder Steamship Company declared a dividend of three dollars per share.

On Wednesday last the brig Consuelo, Capt. Cousins, and W. G. Irwin, Capt. McCulloch, both left port about the same time and will probably try conclusions as to which will reach San Francisco first.

The sum of \$350 having been raised by voluntary subscription, the fine oil painting of A. J. Cartwright, Esq., has been secured, and will shortly be placed in the Honolulu Library and Reading Room.

All sorts of rumors prevail as to the meaning of the name of the steamer "Mikahala," most of which are incorrect. Mikahala is Mrs. Thomas Foster's native name, and the steamer is called in honor of that lady.

Rev. W. H. Olsson, the newly appointed Principal of the Kanehahua School, and formerly of the Hilo Boarding School, returned by the barkentine Discovery from San Francisco, accompanied by his family.

The foreign jury men have been kept pretty busy during the past week, and loud have been their complaints. Jury work is certainly unpleasant, but then like the two certainties, death and taxes, it has to be put up with.

Thursday evening a lamp exploded on board the ship Mercury, while lying alongside the coal wharf, near the P. M. wharf. The Captain, fortunately discovered the smoke in time to prevent a conflagration. The damage to the ship was slight.

By the Australia arrived Mr. J. B. Wooster of the firm of J. B. Wooster & Co., San Francisco. Mr. Wooster is one of the leading merchants on Front Street and is an old timer, having started in business in 1853. He is down here for a short rest and recreation.

The milk feed is again proving about, emptying milk containers, and in some cases carrying off the excrements as well. Mr. Geo. Harris' premises were raided on Saturday morning by one of these thieves, and pitcher and milk were taken. Others have reported similar cases.

The trees which line the fence on the Beretania and Nuuanu street sides of the late Queen Kama's residence have undergone a complete transplanting operation, and the result is a marked improvement in that locality. There are many other residences in town which stand sadly in need of a like operation.

Several of the business houses have issued a neat calendar with their business cards at the head and various other advertisements interspersed through the body of the calendar, making it a very useful adjunct to the calendar room. The work was done at the GAZETTE's office, and meets with the approval of business men.

His Majesty, on Wednesday morning, entertained at breakfast, Capt. Goni, Comd. E. Valenciano, Sub-Lieut. J. Williams, of the Chilean war vessel Pilcomayo, and Mr. E. A. Schaefer, Consul for Italy. There were also present Prince Kawakamaka, Gov. Iaukea and Attorney-General Hosi. The band was in attendance.

Calendars for the year 1887 still continue to arrive. Neat and tastefully gotten up calendars have been received from the Firemen's Fund Insurance Co., Messrs. Bishop & Co. Agents; the Trans-Atlantic Insurance Co., Messrs. Mackfield & Co. Agents; and from the Crown Distilling Co., Messrs. G. W. Macfarlane & Co. Agents. The above are all elegant in design and will prove useful as well.

On Tuesday last, one of the Band boys named William Pukoi Wood, died from consumption and was buried. His funeral took place on Wednesday, from the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and the remains were followed to their final resting place by the King's Own, of which corps deceased had been a member, and also by the Hawaiian Band. Deceased was about 25 years of age.

The Marshal is about nights and don't you forget it. It is certainly to Mr. Kaulaon's credit that he shows himself to be so energetic. He is not satisfied with merely a regular round among his men, but he turns up late at night unexpectedly in many of the outskirts, keeping his eyes peeled the while. Whatever may be said politically against Mr. Kaulaon, he is certainly doing his duty as Marshal.

Hon. S. M. Damon has entered into a contract with Mr. George Lucas, the well-known builder, who will erect a fine two-story building on Mr. Damon's lot on Bethel Street, 2525. The lower portion of the building will be occupied by the Press Publishing Co., and the upstairs by offices. This street promises to become one of the finest business locations in town shortly. The street is to be materially widened, which will make it an attractive thoroughfare.

The sub-committee of the St. Andrew's Cathedral Building Committee, met on Friday, January 14th, to audit accounts of expenses incurred in fitting up and furnishing the church of the New Cathedral, re-arranging and fencing the grounds, transporting and rebuilding the organ, etc. A report was also prepared which was laid before the general committee on Saturday. The amount was \$2,666.

News was received by the mail of the success of one of our Island boys. Master Clive Davies, son of Mr. Theo. H. Davies, entered Uppingham School, England, last June. At the Christmas examinations, the youth obtained the first classical prize, and the first mathematical prize in his form. Clive Davies was for several years a pupil at St. Alban's College in this city, under charge of Mr. A. T. Atkinson.

The Honolulu Yacht and Boat Club met last Tuesday evening and elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing year: Commodore, J. H. Paty; Vice Commodore,

M. P. Robinson; Captain, J. H. Wodehouse, Jr.; Secretary and Treasurer, E. J. Spalding; Messrs. W. H. Baird; Executive Committee: J. M. Dowsett, C. B. Wilson, J. G. Spencer, H. M. Dowsett, Jr., and P. Brown. A large attendance was present and considerable business was transacted.

The editor of the Humboldt Standard, M. M. Vaughan, arrived by the Eva, on Saturday.

The time table at the Post Office sustained a fall and severe damage during the "blow" Sunday evening.

The "Queen's Regulations," now in use in the British army, have been officially adopted by his Majesty.

The Postmaster states that 6,537 letters and 184 packages of papers were dispatched by the Mariposa, Saturday.

Sunday was both rainy and blustering, and yesterday the wind continued at intervals, with cool weather prevailing.

Chris Miller has published another manifesto, in which he promises well. The GAZETTE hopes he will live long enough to fulfill them all.

The following gentlemen are in town: Ed. Hoffman, Mani; A. G. Barchard, Kohala; K. M. Overend, Honokaa; H. Torton, Jr., Lahaina.

Mr. R. T. Booth, the successful lecturer on temperance, arrived from the Colonies on the Mariposa, Saturday. Mr. Booth will remain here a short time.

F. H. Austin, it is rumored, took away with him a decoration of the order of Kaimama, which his Majesty was pleased to confer on him. "How we apples do swim!"

The three Princesses, Miss Wodehouse, Guy Wodehouse, M. S. Grimbaum, F. H. Austin, and wife, Oscar White, and Chung Lung were passengers for San Francisco by the Mariposa, which sailed Saturday night.

It is said the Grand Duke meditates, in a dreamy way, which may assume definite shape in the near future, that a European tour is the correct thing. Perhaps he would like to be in at the British jubilee next year.

Mr. Thomas Wall, the popular manager of the Yosemite Skating Rink of this city, and who has been spending a short time in the Colonies, returned by the Mariposa, looking none the worse for his rough passage home.

The stewardess of the Mariposa sustained serious injuries on that steamer's last trip up from the Colonies, during the prevalence of the heavy "blow," by being thrown down the main companion from the social hall to the dining saloon.

A new baole officer appeared on the streets on Saturday, in uniform, and his breast adorned with a "badge," which on close inspection showed that he belonged to the "Salvation Army." No arrests yet.

The police duly executed a dog last Saturday. The brute had bitten a child and being known to be savage was lassoed and carried off to the police station. It took the marksman (?) five shots to put the animal out of its pain.

The deer on the Hon. C. R. Bishop's estate on Molokai, have multiplied at a great rate, and there is a herd of at least a thousand among the upper gulches of the mountains. They are hard to get at however. A young buck, however, was shot last week, and forwarded to Honolulu. The meat was most deliciously tender.

Sneak thieving is still in vogue, and is being prosecuted with success. A Chinaman who had eggs set down his basket containing about three dollars worth of this class of goods, and went in to have a "chat" with a countryman, and on his returning to take up his line of march, was surprised to find his basket of eggs had disappeared, and no trace of the thief was to be found. The thief had made a clever job, and all he needed was some bacon to have a good time with his friends.

Last Wednesday, Mr. J. T. Arundel, F. R. G. S., delivered a very instructive and interesting lecture in the Bishop Hall of Science, Oahu College, on "The Islands of the Pacific." The gentleman has spent many years among a large portion of these islands, giving him ample opportunity to observe the peculiarities of these people and note their characteristics. He noted more particularly the missionary work now progressing in these new fields of labor. Besides the pupils a large number of ladies and gentlemen were invited to be present, and it is needless to say that the speaker was listened to with the greatest interest.

Saturday evening, the new company of hose boys connected with No. 4 Engine Co., were out for practice at the corner of Nuuanu and Kukulai streets, and had made their connection all right, apparently, when the coupling with the hydrant gave out, the result being an elegant fountain, some twenty feet in height, causing the numerous spectators to take a long seat on the instant. The boys faced the music, and after a few minutes succeeded in turning the water off. The force of the water was so great that some of the boys were completely capsize, and nearly all were thoroughly drenched, to the no small amusement of the spectators. This unlooked-for part of the business unceremoniously ended the drill for the day.

A New Steamer.

The following is clipped from the San Francisco Call of Dec. 25th. "A new steamer, the Carlos Pacheco, was launched early yesterday morning from the foot of Sixth street. She is intended for the trade between the Hawaiian Islands and Mexican ports."

Personal.

By the Australia, on Wednesday last the following residents returned to their Island homes: Hon. G. W. Merrill and wife, U. S. Consul Putnam, Miss E. Putnam, Myron H. Jones, W. Richard and wife, Miss Richard, T. R. Foster and wife, C. A. Brown and wife, F. Severin and others—all of whom the GAZETTE extends a welcome.

A New Organ.

It is rumored in certain circles that a new daily will soon make its appearance here. From the rumor it is judged it will be the "Government Organ," and it is unlikely it will reflect the Grand Viziers ideas exactly—if not more so. All other rumors are "off" for the present.

Theatrical.

Miss Florence Wade, who has lately been playing with a company in the Colonies, proposes to come to Honolulu by the next steamer. Besides the sensational Drama "Moths," Miss Wade proposes to give Othello, Hamlet and the School for Scandal. She will arrive in Honolulu Feb. 11th by the Zea landia and will leave by the Australia Feb. 13th. The troupe will thus have time for four evening performances and one matinee.

Hart-Love.

The wedding of Mr. Edmund Hart, chief operator of the Hawaiian Bell Telephone Company and Miss Annie Love, daughter of Mr. James Love, was celebrated on Tuesday last at the Anglican Cathedral. After the service, which was performed by the Rev. A. Mackintosh, the bride and party adjourned to the residence of the parents of the bride where a reception was held and a beautiful supper provided. The young couple have the best wishes of the GAZETTE.

Geo. W. De Long Post.

Geo. W. De Long Post, 45, G. A. R., Department of California, last Tuesday evening, met and the following officers were installed by P. P. C., N. B. Emerson, detailed as installing officer: P. C., P. P. C., R. W. Laine; S. V. C., V. V. Ashford; J. V. C., J. T. White; O. D., F. Turrell; O. G., J. G. Williams; Q. M., J. J. Greene; Adjutant, James F. Noble; Chaplain, F. H. Boehm; S. M., P. L. Clarke; Q. M. S., John Ross.

ceremony, made some feeling remarks in regard to the death of Comrade John A. Logan, the first Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. The members of the Post will wear the usual token of mourning in honor of the deceased.

O Luso Hawaiian.

This popular little paper seems to be doing excellently well among the Portuguese and really deserves the thanks of the Board of Education, if not some actual support for disseminating instruction among the colony. Mr. Marques' work has been already appreciated in Lisbon, and he has been the recipient of many flattering notices in the Portuguese papers and of many interesting personal letters.

And feature of the last issue is a market list by which information is given relative to the rates charged for all the articles that is necessary to the Portuguese. The news notes are well selected and the correspondence shows what an active interest is being taken in the paper. Several new features are promised during the coming year.

Christmas at Sea.

A gentleman who was a passenger by the Australia, which left this port Dec. 22d, for San Francisco, writes a few lines as to how they fared on this festive day on the "briny deep." He says the passengers were treated to a genuine surprise in the shape of a sumptuous Christmas dinner, with all the accompaniments which one might reasonably expect on shore. There was also a Christmas tree, with numerous presents on it for all. He speaks in the highest terms of Capt. Houdlett and his officers, not forgetting the steward, who did everything to make the voyage pleasant to all on board. It will be pleasant for island travelers going abroad to know that they will be perfectly "at home" and well cared for while in "Old Neph's" dominions on the steamer Australia.

Building.

Mr. E. B. Thomas, builder, started in yesterday for the foundation of the new brick block on the corner of Nuuanu and King Streets. Harrison Brothers are doing the brick work for Mr. Lucas on the Holt building and are making rapid progress.

Mr. E. E. Mayhew has nearly completed the new Chinese Club building, King Street. The front is composed of pressed brick, and promises to be an ornament to the city when complete. Mr. Thomas has also completed the brick work on the new building, corner of Munnaka and King Streets, and Mr. Lucas has the new building adjoining on King Street ready for the carpenters. Mr. Mendonca's building, corner Hotel and Nuuanu Streets, is well in hand, being now on the second story.

A two-story brick building on the east side of Nuuanu Street is well up on the second story by Mr. Geo. Lucas. There is a good many frame buildings in course of erection in various parts of the city. Mr. A. Bolster is erecting a neat cottage on his lot corner of Palace Square and Richards Street.

Arrival of the Embassy at Samoa.

The Mariposa brought news of the Hawaiian Embassy's arrival at Samoa all well on Jan. 3rd. Hon. John E. Bush and party embarked in a wretched little lugger of nine or ten tons, which was lying off waiting for the mails. It took them all night to sail fifty-six miles before reaching Apia.

Some particulars of the state of affairs in Samoa were also received by the mail. Firearms and ammunition were in great demand by the natives, and a rising against King Mahaloa was being fomented. American traders were doing a brisk business in supplying the war material. Snider breech loading rifles readily brought \$60 and \$70 each from the natives. Whale boats were also eagerly purchased. The British residents were intimidated by other authorities from selling arms or ammunition.

All the trade was concluded by the natives through the medium of agents. A private letter says that a small steamer might make money in trading between the Islands. There is a native Hawaiian settled on the Island of Anau, owning several acres of land there. In view of the above warlike intelligence, the news by next mail from Samoa, four weeks hence, will be awaited with much interest.

Oil as Fuel.

The abandonment of the use of coal oil as fuel on the ferry-boats Piedmont, Thoroughfare and Solano of the Southern Pacific Company was announced some time ago, and there was considerable unsatisfied curiosity as to the results of the experiment, and the reason for discontinuing the use of oil.

The Mining and Scientific Press has secured the records of the trials on the three steamers above named, which seemed to show results in favor of oil. The steamer Thoroughfare, during one year, cost in coal and firemen's wages, 128.73 cents per mile, wages being 18.40 cents. From January, 1885, to August, 1886, during which period oil was burned, the cost per mile was 56.63 cents for fuel, and 5.46 cents for firemen—a saving of 66.64 cents in favor of oil. The experiments showed that 58.14 gallons of oil equalled one ton of coal. Coal cost from \$3.36 to \$5.50 per ton and oil from \$1.05 to \$1.70 per barrel. The Solano, which runs between Port Costa and Benicia, cost per mile 518.12 cents for coal and 112.36 cents for firemen's wages—a total of 630.48 cents per mile. With oil the cost was 447.42 cents for fuel and 116.26 cents for firemen—a total of 563.68 cents. This shows a saving of 68.40 cents per mile over coal. The gallons of oil it would cost to equal one ton of coal were 94.16.

The experiments with the Piedmont were not so satisfactory, owing, as it is claimed, to the fact that her boilers were not so well fitted for the use of oil as fuel as were the other boats. The cost per mile, with coal, was 72.86 cents for fuel and 17.50 for firemen—a total of 90.36 cents. With oil the cost was 76.74 for fuel and 20.25 for wages—a total of 96.99 cents. This gives only 3.46 cents in favor of coal, while it took 133.63 gallons of oil to equal one ton of coal.

Among the reasons given for discontinuing the use of oil are, first, that the supply was insufficient; second, that it cost too much, and third, that it burned the furnaces and boilers out so rapidly that the repairs cost more than the saving in fuel. But A. J. Stevens, the General Master Mechanic, states that during the use of oil it was not necessary to make repairs to boilers, while during the period in which coal was used, repairs had to be made each week. To the Average, therefore, the reason for the discontinuance of oil as fuel is still a matter for conjecture. S. F. Bulletin.

The Telephone in Evidence.

The following decision in the Missouri Court of Appeals is as applicable to Honolulu as to San Francisco. We take the remarks from the Alta California. "The case was entitled the Globe Printing Company against Stahl. The suit was for the recovery of an advertising bill, which involved a nice question of law, namely, the admission of evidence of conversations through the telephone. The Court affirms the judgment of the lower Court in an opinion by Judge Thompson, and said: 'All the decisions quoted proceed upon the principle that those evidentiary matters upon which men are compelled to act in the ordinary affairs of life and in the usual transactions of business, ought to be allowed to go to the jury in cases where they become material to the issues on trial. The telephone, although a very recent invention, has come into such common use that we think that the Courts may properly take judicial notice of the general manner and extent to which it is made use of by the business community. No cases where important business communications and transactions are every day made by telephone communication of precisely the same character as to which the witness was allowed to testify in this case. A person is called up by one desiring to communicate with him by means of a connection of their respective wires through what is known as the central office. A conversation ensues. It may relate to the most important matters of life. It may involve a contract for

the sale of bonds and stock, instructions from a principal to his agent touching important transactions, the acknowledgment of a debt due and a promise to pay the same. The use of this instrument facilitates business to such an extent that it would be very prejudicial to the interests of the business community if the Courts were to hold that business men are not entitled to act upon the faith of being able to give in evidence to juries replies which they receive to communications made by them to persons at their usual place of business in this way. The judgment of the Circuit is affirmed."

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